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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Art Unit 2811
Examiner Name Douglas W. Owens
Attorney Docket No. 042390P7195

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** – Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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 - iii. ☐ Other _____
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 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. **Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required**)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2226
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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U.S. Serial No: 09/639,625) Examiner: Douglas W. Owens
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For: Plasma Induced Depletion of)
Fluorine From Surfaces of)
Fluorinated Low-K Dielectric)
Materials)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination, per 37 CFR 1.114, and further requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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